

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Wales

Wales is a second class city located on Cape Prince of Wales, at the western tip of the Seward Peninsula, about 110 miles northwest of Nome. Wales is part of the Nome Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 138, a loss of about 14 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 80 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 73 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Construction Laborers and General and Operations Managers than any other occupation.

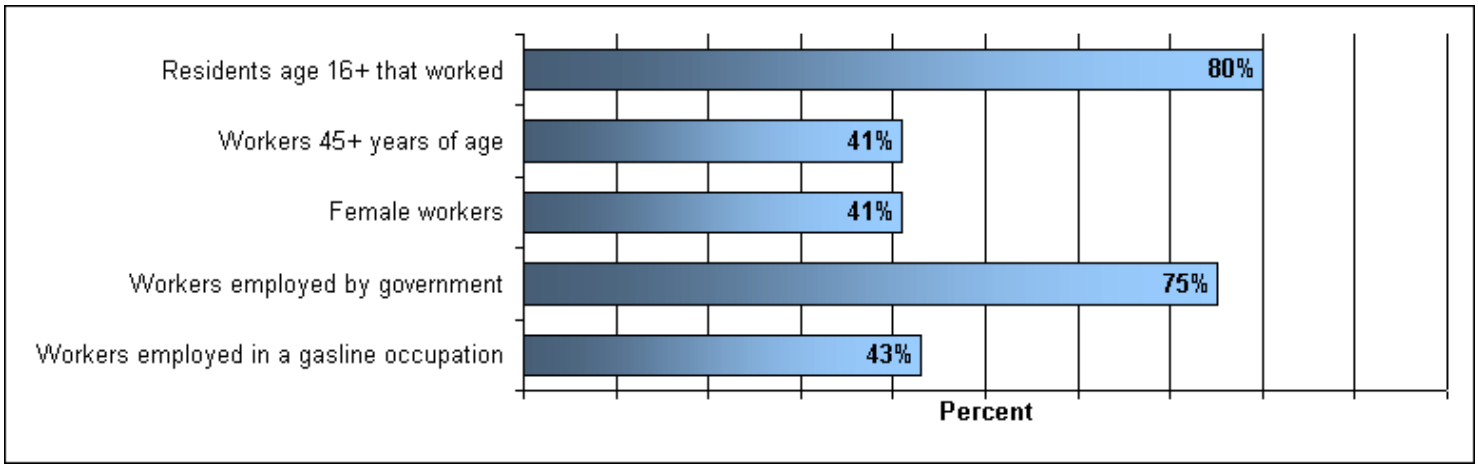
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Wales Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	94	Total wages	\$1,149,189
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	75	Private	19
Male	44	State government	1
Female	31	Local government	55
Age 45+	31	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	20	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	67
		Percent working all 4 quarters	58.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	11	Some construction	14
		At least 1 year construction	1
		At least 2 years construction	0
New Hires		Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	62
New hires	40		

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## 2008 Residents

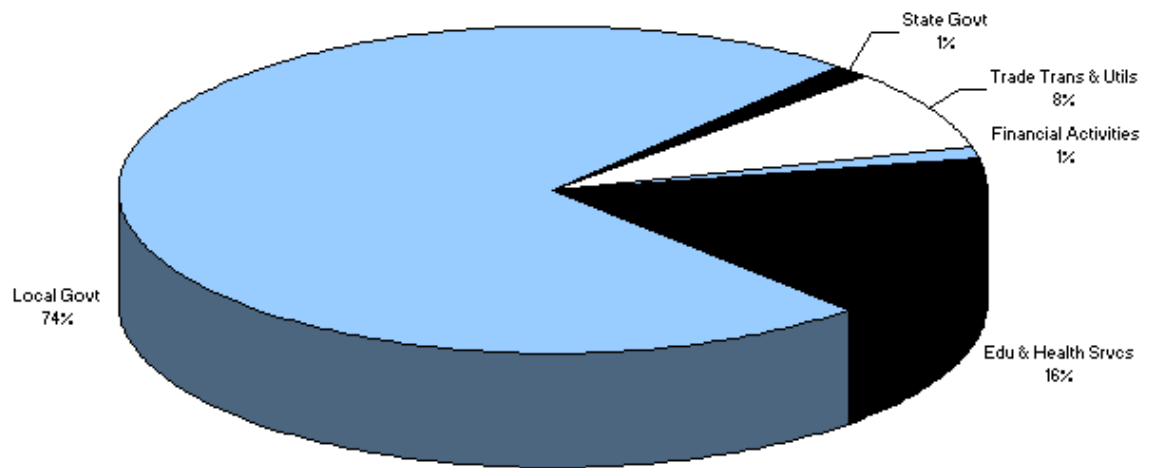


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA</b> <b>HOT JOB</b>	7	14.3%	1	1
General and Operations Managers	7	57.1%	2	2
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	6	0.0%	3	2
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	6	0.0%	2	1

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0.0%	0	0
Construction	0	0.0%	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	0	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	6	33.3%	2	0
Information	0	0.0%	0	0
Financial Activities	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	0	0.0%	0	0
Educational and Health Services	12	91.7%	3	1
Leisure and Hospitality	0	0.0%	0	0
State Government	*	*	*	*
Local Government	55	30.9%	26	19
Other	0	0.0%	0	0
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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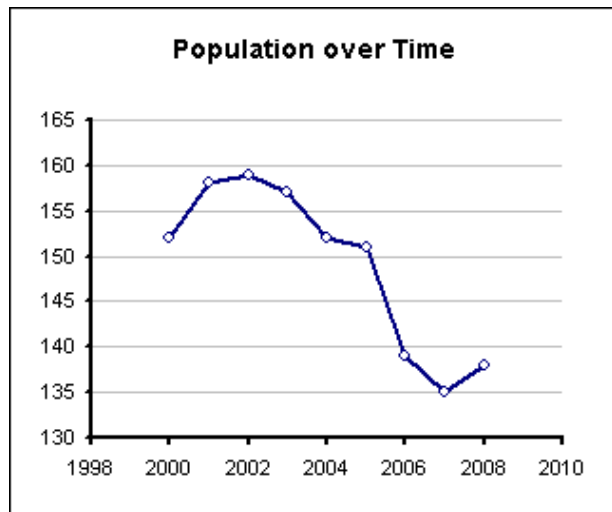
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	4	6	5	5

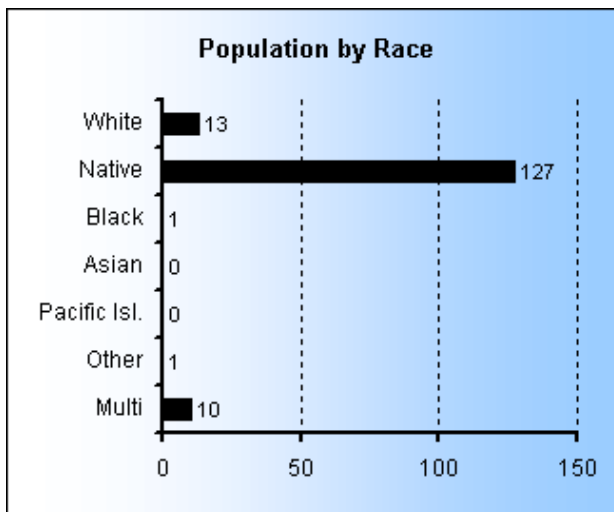
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Native Village of Wales
Bering Strait School Dist
City of Wales
Wales Native Corp
VSW - Wales
Norton Sound Health Corp
Kawerak Inc
Wales Native Store
Bering Air Incorporated
State of AK Academic
Norton Sound Economic Development
Frontier Flying Service Inc
Bering Straits Reg Housing Authority
AK Village Electric Coop Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	26
Average Family Size	4.4
Average Household Size	3.0
Per Capita Income	\$14,877
Median Family Income	\$39,583
Median Household Income	\$33,333



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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